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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR INDEPENDENTLY CONDITIONING
 AND PRE-TENSIONING A PLURALITY OF LIGAMENT
 GRAFTS DURING JOINT REPAIR SURGERY**

and invented by:

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Application Elements

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2. Specification having 58 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
 - c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
 - d. Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
 - e. Background of the Invention
 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
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 - i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
 - a. Formal Number of Sheets 29
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4. Oath or Declaration
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 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
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 - d. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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6. CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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Accompanying Application Parts

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
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Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)

18. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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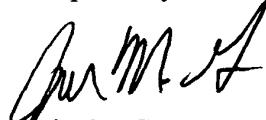
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- Patent Application (58 pgs.)
- Twenty-nine (29) Sheets of Formal Drawings
- Form PTO-2038 for \$862.00
- Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition
- Assignment with Form PTO-1595 Cover Sheet
- Transmittal Letter
- Postcard

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